(1) एनीसीड, बिशप वीड, डिल सीड, पोपी सीड, सरसों इत्यादि शामिल है ।

(2) इमली, हींग, दालचीनी, तेजपात, कोकम, केसर आदि शामिल है ।

स्त्रोत : डी जी सी आई एंड एस कलकत्ता मसाला बोर्ड ।

(घ) मसालों सहित कृषिजन्य उत्पादों के निर्यात की अनुमति प्रदान करने से संबंधित सरकार की नीति मुख्यतः भारत की खाद्य सुरक्षा संबंध चिन्ताओं, कृषि आय को अधिकतम बनाने तथा विदेशी मुद्रा के अर्जन से अधिशासित होती है ।

सामान्य खुले लाइसेंस (ओ0 जी0 एल0) के अंतर्गत तिलहनों का आयात

780. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** :

प्रो0 रामगोपाल यादव :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सामान्य खुले लाइसेंस (ओ0जी0एल0) के अंतर्गत तिलहनों के आयात की अनुमति प्रदान करने का निर्णय सिद्धान्ततः ले लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस किस्म के और कितनी मात्रा में तिलहनों का आयात किया जायेगा और आयात की अनुमति देने के क्या कारण है;

(ग) क्या सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करेंगी कि आयातित तिलहनों से निकाले जाने वाले तेल के उपयोग से देश में जलोदर जैसी बीमारी नही फैलेगी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अपनाई जाने वाली प्रक्रिया क्या है ;

(ड) यदि नही, तो क्या सरकार तिलहनों के आयात की अनुमति को वापस लेनी चाहेगी; और

(च) यदि नही, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े) : (क) से (च) घरेलू बाजार में खाद्य तेल की उपलब्धता बढ़ाने, प्रसंस्करण मिलों का क्षमता उपयोग बढ़ाने तथा तेल खाद्यों के अतिरिक्त निर्यात के अवसर पैदा करने के उद्देश्य से विखंडित तथा चटखे हुए सोयाबीन के बीजों के आयात को दिनांक 15.10.98 से आयात की मुक्त सूची में रखा गया है, सूरजमुखी के बीजों तथा रेपसीड को भी दिनांक 15.10.98 से आयात की मुक्त सूची में रखा गया है । (पौधा संगरोध शर्तो के अनुसार)

Measures against Dumping of Steel

781. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an appeal by the SAIL to take measures against dumping by some of the CIS, Asian and Eastern European countries is pending before the anti-dumping panel against dumping of steel in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time schedule for disposal of the appeal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. A petition, received from SAIL alongwith other domestic industry against dumping of Hot Rolled Coils, Sheets, Plates and Strips by the exporters from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhastan, has been investigated by the Designated Authority appointed under the Customs tariff Act and the Rules made thereunder Levy of appropriate anti-dumping duties has been recommended by the Designated Authority, based upon which the Central Government has levied appropriate anti-dumping duties.

Steps to Curb Rising Prices

782. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the steps Government have of late taken to contain the rising prices of essential commodities within the country; and

(b) what has been the impact of each of these?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) The Government has accorded the highest priority to the control and stabilisation of the prices of essential commodities. Apart from certain long term measures to increase the production

of essential goods, imports of items which arc in short supply like pulses and onions have been placed under OGL at zero per cent import duty and the duty on import of edible oils has been reduced to 15 per cent from 25 per cent in order to augment the total availability of these items. Exports of onions has been banned. Some of the essential commodities like rice, wheat palmolein and kerosene are also supplied through the public distribution at below market prices. Stringent actions are being taken against hoarders, blackmarketeers and others indulging in unfair trade practices under the Essential Commodities Act and prevention of Blackmarkcting and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act by the State/UT Governments. As a result of the above measures rising trend in prices of onions and potatoes has been arrested.

Export of Onion and Onion Products

783. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the details regarding the export of onion and onion products from India in the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : The total quantity and value of onion and onion products exported from India during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as under:

Qty: MTs Value: Rs. crores

Year	Qty	Value
1996-97	440415	303.12
1997-98*	342083	237.97
1998-99* (April 98 June 98)	118576	93.95

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta)
*Provisional

Indigenisation of Cars

784. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be I pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.G. Foreign Trade has asked foreign companies manufacturing cars in India to disclose details of their indigenisation plans;

(b) if so, what are the modalities for conducting.such an exercise fool-proof; and

(c) whether the European Union challenged the indigenisation clause before the WTO?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. Information has been called for from the car manufacturing companies in this regard.

(b) The information called for would give a fair idea about the indigenisation levels achieved by different companies.

(c) Yes, Sir. The European Union has filed a dispute in the WTO against our auto policy.

Promotion of Agro-Export

785. SHRI JANARADHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to promote agro-export;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of the agricultural commodities whose exports will be augmented; and

(d) whether interests of country's con sumers will be kept in view so that there is no scarcity of items which are proposed to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (d) The policy of the government to permit exports of agricultural products